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Dear Sir or Madam,

It has come to my attention that the Food and Drug Administration is seeking input on the subject of meat irradiation. I feel as an educated and informed consumer that it is my responsibility to dispense my opinion on the subject as it directly affects my life and the lives of my loved ones.

It is necessary for every product that has been irradiated or contains an irradiated ingredient to be labeled as so. The products should be clear and conspicuously labeled as "irradiated" or with the radura logo. Additionally, there should be no expiration for this consumer warning. As consumers in the United States we have the right to make clear and informed choices regarding the substances that we take into our bodies. It is our right to know whether or not we could be ingesting potentially harmful material. Anything less than clear labeling on packaged meat would be inaccurate and misleading to consumers and their "right-to-know."

Again, I urge you to support labeling efforts for irradiated meat products.

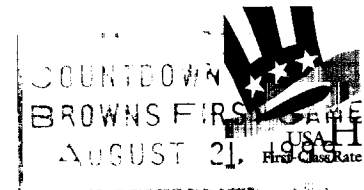
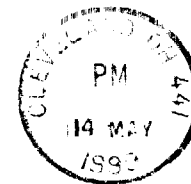
Thank you and best regards,

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